

SENATE JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Tuesday, Jan. 12.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature met in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol, in the city of Austin, at 12 m., and was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor George T. Jester.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Smoot, Chaplain of the Twenty-fourth Senate.

Roll of hold-over Senators called by W. T. Sprowles, Assistant Secretary of the Twenty-fourth Senate, at the direction of the Chair, the following answering to their names:

Bailey. <i>F. M.</i>	Harrison.
Beall. <i>Baile</i>	Fresier.
Boren. <i>Conchago</i>	Rogers. <i>Palestine</i>
Bowser.	Stanford.
Colquitt. <i>Baile</i>	Woods.
Dibrell. <i>W. J. Smith</i>	

The Chair then directed the Senators-elect to send their certificates of election to the Secretary's desk. The same being done, the roll of Senators-elect was called, the following answering to their names:

Burns.	Ross.
Goss.	Stone.
Gough.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Tillett. <i>admitted</i>
Lewis. <i>James</i>	Turney. <i>admitted</i>
Linn of Wharton.	Wayland.
Morris.	Yantis.
Noel.	Yett. <i>admitted</i>

It appearing that the certificates of election of Senators Ross and Yett were not at hand, Senator Woods moved that they be sworn in and allowed to participate in the organization of the Senate.

The President stated that as there was no contest ~~made~~ in regard to the election of said Senators, if there was no objection the oath of office would be administered to them, and there being none the Senators-elect appearing en masse before the Secretary's stand were administered the oath of office by the President.

The President then briefly addressed the Senate, at the conclusion of which Senator Beall offered the following:

Resolved, That the officers and employes hereinafter designated are essential to the proper service of the Senate, and shall be appointed or elected, and receive compensation as hereinafter provided, and shall continue until discharged by the Senate, in the respective offices, or employment to which they shall be chosen.

Second. That the Lieutenant-Governor shall appoint the following officers and servants of the Senate, namely: A postmaster and two general committee clerks, each of whom shall receive \$5 per day; and five pages and five porters, each of whom shall be paid \$2 per day.

Third. That the chairmen of the following standing committees shall each be entitled to appoint a committee clerk to serve his committee, namely: Judiciary Committee No. 1, Judiciary Committee No. 2, Committee on Finance, Committee on Public Lands, Committee on Education, Committee on Judicial District, and such committee clerks shall perform such other duties as shall be required of them by the President of the Senate, or the chairman of any other committee, and shall each receive \$5 per day for his services.

Fourth. That the Senate by ballot, shall elect the following officers, viz: Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Journal Clerk, Assistant Journal Clerk, Calendar Clerk, Enrolling Clerk, Engrossing Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeeper, Assistant Doorkeeper, and Chaplain; and that each of said officers shall receive \$5 per day.

Fifth. That the Senate do now proceed to elect by ballot the officers which by this resolution it is required to elect.

Senator Boren moved to adopt the resolution, and pending action,

Senator Bowser offered to amend as follows:

"Strike out Committee on Public

Lands, and insert Committee on Internal Improvements."

Lost.

The resolution was then adopted.

By Senator Colquitt:

Resolved, That in presenting the names of candidates for the various places to be filled by election, that the Senator presenting a candidate write his name and residence and send it to the Secretary to be read, and that nominating and seconding speeches be dispensed with.

Senator Stafford moved to adopt the resolution, and same was

Adopted.

By Senator Stafford:

Resolved, That all candidates for Secretary and Assistant Secretary be required to read a section of the State Constitution, so as to enable this body to judge of their fitness for the places to which they aspire.

Adopted.

Nominations for Secretary being in order,

The following nominations were made:

Will Lambert of Harris county, by Senator Burns.

G. H. Boynton of Llano county, by Senator Turney.

There being no other nominations, and the respective candidates having complied with the requirements of the resolution above set forth (Colquitt's), the Senate proceeded to ballot for Secretary.

The Chair appointed Senators Turney, Beall and Goss as tellers.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Lambert	17
Boynton	10

Mr. Lambert having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Assistant Secretary being in order, the following were nominated:

R. E. Dodson of Navarro county, by Senator Colquitt.

W. T. Sprowles of Fannin county, by Senator Ross.

C. E. Rupe of Baylor county, by Senator Goss.

Will C. Long of Webb county, by Senator Linn of Wharton.

There being no other nominations, and the respective candidates having complied with the reading resolution, the ballot was taken, resulting as follows:

Dodson	16
Rupe	9
Sprowles	2

Mr. Dodson having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Journal Clerk being in order,

Senators Rogers nominated W. B. O'Quinn of Angelina county.

Senator Yett nominated W. M. Brown of Travis county.

The ballot resulted:

O'Quinn	20
Brown	7

Mr. O'Quinn having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Assistant Journal Clerk being in order,

Senator Lewis nominated Walter Crawford of Travis county.

Senator Presler nominated Nathan Tracy of Eastland county.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Crawford	19
Tracy	8

Mr. Crawford having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Calendar Clerk being in order, the following were nominated:

Fount Ray of Ellis county, by Senator Beall.

W. O. Peery of Wise county, by Senator Terrell.

E. P. Phelps of Travis county, by Senator Burns.

Thomas H. Lewis of Gonzales county, by Senator Kerr.

G. A. Wheatley of Travis county, by Senator Yett.

There being no other nominations, the Senate proceeded to ballot.

FIRST BALLOT.

Peery	10
Ray	8
Lewis	3
Phelps	2
Wheatley	2
Smith	1

No election.

SECOND BALLOT.

Ray	11
Peery	9
Lewis	3
Phelps	2
Wheatley	1
Smith	1

No election.

THIRD BALLOT.

Ray	14
Peery	7
Lewis	2
Phelps	1
Smith	1

Mr. Ray having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

On motion of Senator Boren, the Senate adjourned to 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beall.	Rogers.
Boren.	Ross.
Bowser.	Stafford.
Colquitt.	Stone.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Tillett.
Harrison.	Turney.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lewis.	Woods.
Morris.	Yantis.
Neal.	Yett.
Presler.	

The Senate resumed balloting for officers, and

Nominations for Engrossing Clerk being in order,

W. F. Linn of Wharton county was nominated by Senator Presler.

There being no other nominations,

Senator Bailey moved that the nomination of Mr. Linn be made unanimous, which was ruled out of order.

The ballot was then taken, and Mr. Linn received 24 votes, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Enrolling Clerk being in order, the following were nominated:

John L. Stephenson of Taylor county, by Senator Bowser.

W. H. Warren of Hardeman county, by Senator Stone.

L. R. Walden of Travis county, by Senator Yett.

J. K. P. Shirley of Parker county, by Senator Bailey.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Stephenson	16
Shirley	7
Warren	2
Walden	1

Mr. Stephenson having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms being in order,

Senator Turney nominated H. R. McInnis of Llano county.

Senator Kerr nominated C. H. Allen of Travis county.

The ballot resulted:

Allen	19
McInnis	8

Mr. Allen having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms being in order, the following were nominated:

T. D. Campbell of Hunt county, by Senator Stafford.

V. F. Pace of Dallas county, by Senator Kerr.

W. W. Williams of Travis county, by Senator Yett.

Oswald S. Parker of Harris county, by Senator Burns.

The ballot resulted as follows:

Pace	17
Campbell	5
Williams	2
Parker	2
Davy Crockett	1

Mr. Pace having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Doorkeeper being in order, the following were nominated:

John W. Dale of Wise county, by Senator Terrell.

J. A. Brown of Travis county, by Senator Stone.

D. W. Phillips of Lampasas county, by Senator Bailey.

J. J. McCrea of Karnes county (by request).

The ballot resulted as follows:

Dale	14 1-3
Brown	7 1-3
Phillips	3 1-3
McCrea	1

Mr. Dale having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Assistant Doorkeeper being in order, the following were nominated:

B. N. Barnes of Hill county, by Senator Beall.

A. J. D. Sapp of Harris county, by Senator Wood.

George W. Fitzhugh of Hood county, by Senator Linn of Wharton.

Martin Jimenez of Bexar county, by Senator Lewis.

W. M. Gaither of McLennan county, by Senator Yantis.

FIRST BALLOT.

Sapp	7
Jimenez	7
Fitzhugh	7
Gaither	4
Barnes	2

No election.

(Senator Gough in the chair).

SECOND BALLOT.

Jimenez	9
Fitzhugh	7
Sapp	4
Gaither	4
Barnes	1

No election.

THIRD BALLOT.

Fitzhugh	10
Jimenez	9
Gaither	4
Sapp	2

No election.

FOURTH BALLOT.

Jimenez	14
Fitzhugh	9
Sapp	2
Gaither	2

Mr. Jimenez having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Chaplain being in order,

Senator Wood nominated Rev. R. K. Smoot of Travis county.

Senator Dibrell nominated Rev. F. S. Jackson of Hays county.

Rev. Jackson received 16 votes.

Rev. Smoot received 11 votes.

Rev. Jackson having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

The election of officers having been concluded, the following was offered by Senator Bowser:

Resolved, That the Senate do now proceed to select seats for the session, selections to be made as follows, viz: The Secretary shall place the names of all Senators on separate pieces of paper, place them in a hat, mix them up well, and draw them therefrom one at a time, and as the names are drawn the respective Senators shall select their seats. Before the drawing be-

gins, the Senators shall retire behind the bar.

Adopted and immediately carried into effect.

(Lieutenant Governor Jester in the Chair.)

The Chair announced that the next business in order was the election of a President pro tem.

Senator Dibrell was placed in nomination by Senator Stafford.

There being no other nominations, the ballot was taken, resulting:

Dibrell	27
Stafford	1

The election was made unanimous.

By Senator Rogers:

Resolved, That Ellis Monroe be appointed porter, to take charge of the closets appertaining to the Senate Chamber.

Adopted.

By Senator Bowser:

Resolved, That the rooms set aside by the Twenty-fourth Senate for the use of the different committees be now set aside to the same committees until otherwise ordered.

Adopted.

By Senator Presler:

Resolved, That the President of the Senate do appoint a committee of three Senators, who shall draft and report to Wednesday's session of the Senate suitable resolutions of respect in memory of the late Hon. W. P. McComb, who died a distinguished member of the Texas State Senate since the adjournment of the Twenty-fourth Legislature.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The officers-elect of the Senate were then assembled before the President's stand and administered the oath of office.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following porters: Tom White of Travis county, Marion Welch of Denton county, and George Smith of Wharton county.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the fol-